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Measures of Dispersion and Variability

measure of variability is a summary statistic that represents the amount of dispersion in a dataset. How spread out are the values? A low dispersion indicates that the data points tend to be clustered tightly around the center. High dispersion signifies that they tend to fall further away.

A- Range:

Let's start with the range because it is the most straightforward measure of variability to calculate and the simplest to understand. The range of a dataset is the difference between the largest and smallest values in that dataset.

We write the data, arrange them in ascending order, choose the highest and lowest values, and subtract them.

For example, \ calculate the range of the dataset: -

60,65,55,50,45

Range = $65 - 45 = 20$

For example \ calculate the range from the dataset:-

100,65,55,50,45

Range = $\max - \min = 100 - 45 = 55$

For example // The numbers are 7,4,9,7,3,12 find the range?

We find the highest and lowest value, then find the range, we arrange the data in ascending order

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Range = $12 - 3 = 9$

H.W\| Calculate the Rang in the two datasets below?

datasets1	datasets2
20	11
21	16
22	19
25	23
26	25
29	32
33	39
34	46
38	52

B-Mean deviation(MD): The mean deviation is defined as a statistical measure that is used to calculate the average deviation from the mean value of the given data set. The mean deviation of the data values can be easily calculated using the below procedure:

Step 1: Find the mean value for the given data values

Step 2: Now, subtract the mean value from each of the data values given (Note: Ignore the minus symbol)

Step 3: Now, find the mean of those values obtained in step 2.

1- The mean deviation of the ungrouped data

The mean deviation or average deviation of a sat N numbers $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_N$

Is MD and defined by :

$$\text{Mean deviation (MD)} = \frac{\sum |x - \bar{x}|}{N}$$

Σ represents the addition of values

X represents each value in the data set

\bar{x} represents the mean of the data set (arithmetic mean)

N represents the number of data values.

|| represents the absolute value, which ignores the “-” symbol

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{N} \quad \text{Arithmetic mean}$$

For example // find the mean of the set : 2,3,6,8,11

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{N} = \frac{2+3+6+8+11}{5} = \frac{30}{5} = 6$$

$$MD = \frac{|2-6|+|3-6|+|6-6|+|8-6|+|11-6|}{5}$$

$$MD = \frac{|-4|+|-3|+|0|+|2|+|5|}{5} = \frac{4+3+0+2+5}{5} = \frac{14}{5} = 2.8$$

H.W|| Calculate the mean deviation from the following data:

6,7,10,12,13,4,8,12

2- The mean deviation of the unclassified data

The mean deviation can be give by :-

$$MD = \frac{\sum f |x_i - \bar{x}|}{\sum f}$$

Where (f) is frequency.

(xi) is midpoint of classes .

For example // find the mean deviation of the following data :

Class	(fi)	(xi)	fixi
10-20	2	10+20/2=15	2*15=30
20-30	3	25	75
30-40	8	35	280
40-50	14	45	630
50-60	8	55	440
60-70	3	65	194
70-80	2	75	150
	$\sum fi=40$		$\sum fixi=1800$

We find the arithmetic mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum f_i x_i}{\sum f_i} = \frac{1800}{40} = 45$$

$ x_i - \bar{x} $	Abs	f	f* $ x_i - \bar{x} $
15 - 45	-30	2	60
25 - 45	-20	3	60
35 - 45	-10	8	80
45 - 45	0	14	0
55 - 45	10	8	80
65 - 45	20	3	60
75 - 45	30	2	60

$$\sum f * |x_i - \bar{x}| = 400$$

$$MD = \frac{\sum f |x_i - \bar{x}|}{\sum f} = \frac{400}{40} = 10$$

H.W\| Calculate the mean deviation from the following data:

classes	f
2-4	2
4-6	3
6-8	6
8-10	2
10-12	1